



Gordon A. Hood
Lieutenant
United States Coast Guard



Gordon Andrew Hood began his operational career as an Ensign and Deck Watch Officer onboard USCGC SPAR (WLB 206) in Kodiak, Alaska, tending Aids to Navigation and enforcing Federal Fisheries & Safety regulations throughout the Aleutian Islands and Bering Sea.

Lieutenant Junior Grade Hood served as Executive Officer of USCGC WRANGELL (WPB 1332) forward-deployed with Patrol Forces Southwest Asia in direct support of Operations IRAQI FREEDOM and ENDURING FREEDOM. Working alongside U.S. Navy and Coalition partners in the Northern Arabian Gulf battle space he led Maritime Security and Interdiction Operations to provide defense of Iraq's economically vital oil terminals.

LTJG Hood subsequently commanded USCGC KITTIWAKE (WPB 87316) in Kauai, patrolling from the "forbidden island" of Niihau to the "big island" of Hawaii. In 2009 he was selected as the Coast Guard's Top Cop for the State of Hawaii.

LT Hood spent two years on faculty as an Instructor of Seamanship & Navigation and the Coast Guard Liaison Officer to the U.S. Naval Academy. There he earned a permanent USN Craftmaster Insignia as a qualified Yard Patrol Craft (YP) Officer-in-Charge and was Faculty Representative for the Midshipmen-led extracurricular YP "Power" Squadron and local chapter of Officers' Christian Fellowship.

LT Hood is a 2005 Honors graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy with a Bachelor's Degree in Marine & Environmental Science. He has also completed Joint Maritime Operations and Strategy & War courses through the Naval War College. His awards include two Coast Guard Commendation Medals, a Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, a Coast Guard Achievement Medal, and the Iraq Campaign Medal.